1	2
Manipur	257.72
Meghalaya	521.38
Nagaland	181.22
Tripura	351.14
Arunachal Pradesh	379.65
Mizoram	438.71

Pending power projects

1449. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of power projects in the country specially in Assam is pending with Central Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details of the present status; and

(c) by when these projects are expected to be functional?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) According to the Electricity Act, 2003 enacted on 10.6.2003, the requirement of according Techno economic clearance by Central Electricity Authority has been dispensed with for thermal generation. However, a generating company intending to set up a hydro generating station has to prepare and submit the scheme to the Authority for concurrence involving a capital expenditure such sum as may be fixed by the Central Government from time to time by notification.

No proposal for setting up hydro power projects in the country specially in Assam is pending with Central Electricity Authority for concurrence.

NTPC have informed that it has identified Bongaigaon Thermal Power Project comprising three units of 250 MW to be set up with the existing premises of Assam State Elecricity Board's Bongaigaon TPS (4x60MW)

at Salakti in Kokrajhar district of Assam. Feasibility Report for the project has been finalized in September, 2006. Further, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd has proposed to set up a 480 MW coal based thermal power project in Margherita, Assam. Subject to timely clearances/approvals, these projects are envisaged for commissioning during XI Plan.

Power projects in private sector

†1450. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects in private sector under construction as on the 31 March, 2006 along with the locations thereof;

(b) the names of the projects along with the quantum of power generated on each financial closure during the period between 1st April, 2003 and 31st March, 2006;

(c) whether electricity generted in power projects of private sector is also being utilized for rural electrification shemes; and

(d) if so, the details of electricity received from these projects and utilization thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) As per information available with the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the details of power projects in private sector under construction as on the 31st March, 2006 and the quantum of power generated from these projects during 1st April, 2003 to 31st March, 2006 are given in Statement - I and Statement-II respectively. (*See* below)

The electricity generate by the private power projects in connected to the Central/State Grid and the power is utilized for all categories of consumers including rural electrification.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.